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Bob Odom, Commissioner

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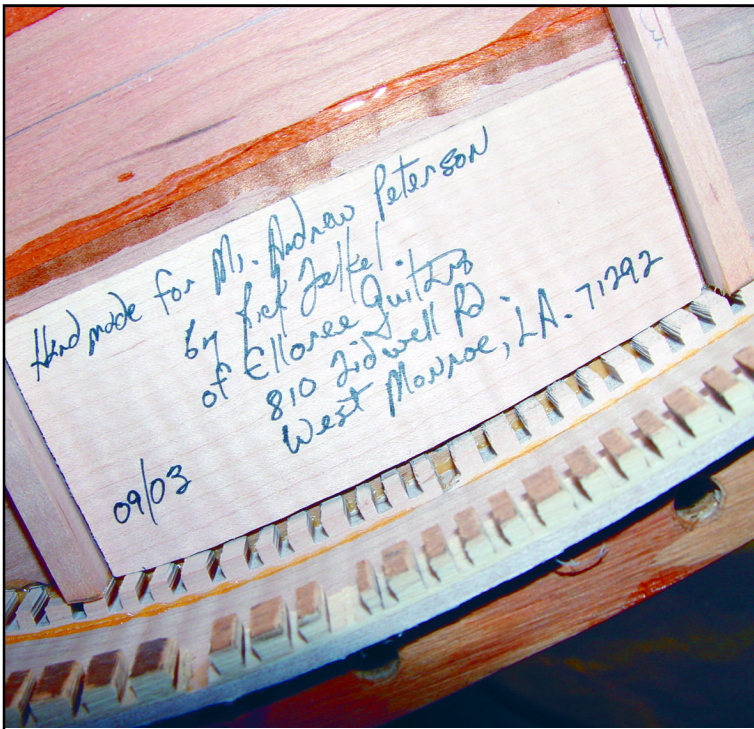
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*Christian musicians find a soulmate in the hands of Rick Felkel. Using Louisiana hardwoods, Felkel's one-of-a-kind guitars, dulcimers and mandolins strike a familiar chord for those who make music in the name of the Lord.*



## Sweet Sounds from Louisiana Wood

### 'I love this guitar'

Rick Felkel is a pretty modest fellow and it was difficult to get him to say how good his instruments really are.

But other folks had plenty to say.

Vincent Calcaterra of Burke, Va., said, "I have a Fender FM-60E electric mandolin, but there is no comparison in quality between it and the Ellore. The

Messenger (Ellore) is a much better instrument in every way.

"I've been playing semi-professionally since I finished college in 1980. I live in Burke, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C., and perform with a Jazz quartet named 'Unstrung' and a rock/country band named 'Distant Voices.' I am presently

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Ellore instruments come with a handwritten message from Rick Felkel (top). Rick peers through a 'Herald' guitar frame, one of his own designs that he says produces the best sound of all Ellore guitars (near right). 'Ellore' is branded on every custom guitar. The cross brand is reserved for guitars built with wood saved from the burn pile (far right).



"Some people think you have to look outside of Louisiana, but they're wrong. We have plenty of good quality right here in the state."

That statement was not made by a politician or a tourism promoter singing the praises of Louisiana. Rather, the words came from the mouth of a humble craftsman, a builder of guitars.

Rick Felkel and his wife, Sherry, live in a modest house near the swamps of the Cheniere Brake in West Monroe where he has quietly built top-quality customized guitars, mandolins and dulcimers using Louisiana ash, bois d'arc and persimmon for 10 years.

His demeanor and attitude is definitely that of a man who is doing what he wants and loves to do.

Like so many eureka moments, Rick was laid off from a job with Piccadilly cafeteria where he had been the maintenance chief.

"It really was a blessing to get laid off because it gave me the opportunity to be a luthier, a guitar builder," said Rick, who built his first guitar because he felt the manufacturers discriminated against left-handers like him.

"If you're left-handed, it's like the instrument builders penalize you," he said. But Rick builds according to customer's specifications, right-handed or left-handed.

"Some folks want a guitar, but it's

too big or too small, it's too narrow, it's too wide. Or they can't find what they want. A man got me to build him two different double octave mandolin basses. There's no such thing as a double octave mandolin bass. I built him one."

Rick has no problem building specialized Ellore guitars (his brand is named after his hometown in Ellore, South Carolina) for his clientele. He'll build it with a narrow neck, a thin body, with seven strings; any way the customer wants it and with the wood of his choosing.

"One man from New York wanted a 16-string guitar. I tried to talk him out of it but he said he had a 20-string. So I built it for him," Rick said.

The long-haired, 48-year-old Felkel said it was poverty that got him started using Louisiana wood for his guitars.

"I saw the cost of East Indian rosewood and you can go to Uganda and get a good grade of jacaranda, but it costs a gazillion bucks. Black walnut costs so much so I started harvesting my own wood," Rick said.

But getting the sawmill to cut the wood the way he needed was another challenge.

"I needed what's called quarter-sawn wood and the guy that I used didn't understand so finally I got my own saw mill," he said as he proudly showed off his nine-foot band

saw. It looks like an overfed meat-cutting saw that could dismember a herd of cattle in no time.

Rick uses locally grown ash for his guitar necks.

"Ash, that's the favorite wood for baseball bats and I thought they whip on that ball all day so that must be some pretty good wood. And Paul Harvey is always saying that persimmon makes the best wood-head for golf clubs. I thought that must be some pretty stiff stuff, so I started using persimmon trees. I harvest ash, persimmon, cherry and oak. I also use bois d'arc," Rick said.

Bois d'arc, a French word that every good Southerner pronounces "bodark", is also called Osage Orange or horse apple. A bright golden-orange wood, legend has it that Noah used bois d'arc (wood of the ark) to build the ark.

"Old folks used to cut it and use it

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for the corner post," Rick said. "It had to stand the stress of a fence and they'd set it as the corner post. It won't rot even underground and it's just an incredible wood." Rick often uses bois d'arc for the guitar's bridge and fretboard because of its unusual hardness.

Keeping with the biblical theme, Rick names his own original guitar body styles after angels such as herald, cherub and seraph and if the wood he uses to build a guitar was rescued from the fire pile, he'll heat-brand that particular guitar with an insignia of a cross.

Rick prefers to promote his guitars in a very low-key fashion, relying on word-of-mouth and repeat business, but he's fairly well-known around the Christian music circuit.

"Andrew Osenga of Caedmon's Call uses one of my mandolins and has contracted for a guitar and Andrew Peterson, he's up and coming, plays my mandolin. He's got a lot of big hits," Rick said.

"I've met most of the big label Christian singers and when they know I'm a guitar builder they get out of your way. If I go backstage with one of my guitars, they make me feel like 'you're the man.' I actually take a bath and stuff so I don't look too bad going backstage," Rick said in an amusing self-deprecating tone.

The guitars and mandolins that Rick displayed at the Louisiana Folklife Festival in Monroe in mid-September were beautiful.

Rick stood in front of his display picking the strings of a left-handed, cherry mandolin strapped on his shoulder, encouraging festival-goers to hold and play his instruments. The cherry was harvested locally.

One visitor pointed at the handwriting he saw inside the guitar through the center hole.

"I handwrite the name of who the guitar was built for and the date along with my name and address so they won't forget where they got it. It's a nice little touch," Rick explained. "I also write the name of the owner behind the head of the instrument."

While he was giving a talk at the Folklife Festival's Tales 'N Talk stage along with fiddle luthier Fred Beavers of Simsboro, the topic of cost came up. So how much does a custom, fully handmade guitar built with native Louisiana wood cost?

Rick looks almost embarrassed by the question.

"Well, I don't need much and I don't want much," he begins in his soft-spoken South Carolina drawl.

"There's a big paper mill in town (Riverwood in West Monroe). Guys that work at the paper mill who make regular pay can afford my guitars," said Rick. "They come and tell me, 'Well, I've been looking at a Taylor, it's \$2,700, there's no electronics in it. Can you do better than that?' I tell them, 'Yeah, \$550.' And then you see their face as they try and figure what they'll do with the other \$2,200."

What about quality and sound? Rick has the look of someone who has a lot to say

about the subject, but doesn't want to say anything bad about the competition.

"Jean Larrivee, the great guitar builder, said only one person in 100 can tell the difference between his guitar and somebody else's. He wants that one," Rick said. "But folks who work at Wal-Mart on their humble pay can afford my guitar. I take really great pride in this."

But how good is his guitar?

"Other people rate my guitar so I'll say what other folks say," Rick acquiesced. "A man from Georgia has bought five instruments from me and he plays with guys who play Gibsons. He said the ones I've built for him genuinely hold their ground in the presence of a Gibson."

"A lot of folks think Gibson is it," he added. "Well, my top of the line mandolin can be bought off the tax money of a top of the line Gibson, which is about \$7,500. My best is \$500, if you want black walnut, it's \$550, and Gibsons are not handmade."

"Mine hold their own against Gibson. They're really better than Gibson, but everybody is aspiring to buy a Gibson."

"Nearly everything under \$1000 is built out of instrument plywood. I'm not saying it's bad but it's three laminates and there is a glue cushion in between the three and it just doesn't resonate the way straight grain wood does. My instruments are all built with straight grain wood."

Rick also rates his Elloree brand highly against Martin and Ovation.

"Ovations are not going to be judged well by history," Rick said. "Martin is pretty good but I give a real warranty on my guitars. Martin has a real big 'Lifetime Limited' warranty written on their guitars. You see 'lifetime' real big on the head and in little tiny letters below is the word 'limited'."

Now that Rick has a Web site, he is working at maximum capacity.

"I'm building about 75 a year which kind of cut out the afternoon coffee break," Rick joked. "I used to talk to the wood and look at it a little bit. Now, I just have to keep moving."

Rick often thinks back to that moment when Piccadilly laid him off and he's genuinely grateful.

"For me it's all a ministry. The going rate on luthiering, building and repairing is \$50 an hour and that's kind of out of hand. I charge \$25."

"I teach guitar, and that is strictly ministry, for \$10 an hour. The going rate is \$25. That's just cost prohibitive for most folks, but for \$10 and ten weeks they can do it and they're out there playing," Rick said. "Some come to me and tell me they're playing in a praise band down at the church house and they do okay but they want to get better."

"And then some of them come back and they bring me their tapes and CDs and they say, 'This is what we're doing, thank you for teaching me,' and it's a weepy moment, too. I'm thankful, man."

Rick's Web site is <http://www.angelfire.com/la2/elloree/>.



Applying resin to the edges of sounding holes in stringed instruments prevents wood splitting (top, clockwise). The Elloree brand signifies an instrument's authenticity. Rick holds up a 'Dreadnaught' guitar frame. A cam clamp, coping saw, square saw and razor saw are part of the luthier's trade. This 'Ambassador' guitar (l to r), custom dulcimer, 'Angel' guitar and repaired mandolin are part of Rick's work. An Elloree 'Angel' guitar and a guitar-in-progress were displayed at the Louisiana Folklife Festival in Monroe.





# Syrup mill, rail shipment of sugarcane to boost fortunes of southwest farmers

The Lacassine sugarcane train began rolling last month, marking the first of the "cane trains" that are transporting sugarcane from southwest Louisiana farms to mills in the south central part of the state.

"With this mode of transportation we will eliminate the hazard from the hundreds of sugarcane trucks on south Louisiana highways during the three-month harvest and grinding season, and help ensure a positive future for the sugarcane farming community in southwest Louisiana," Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom told a gathering of public officials and other dignitaries.

The sugarcane loading facility is the first of a number of industrial tenants scheduled to locate in the 200-acre state-owned site near Lacassine, adjacent to Interstate-10 and the Southern Pacific railroad line, Odom said.

The project represents a cooperative endeavor between the

Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Jeff Davis Parish Office of Economic Development, through its Landfill Commission.

"Department of Agriculture and Forestry personnel have been working for several months to have the site ready for cane loading and rail transport to the mills at the start of this harvest season," Odom said. "At the site we have installed an automated scale-control room, ramp weighing scales and a rail-loading elevator which was moved to the site from a previous cane loading facility near Lake Charles."

In addition to the rail spur and cane loading facility, the State Bond Commission and the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority recently gave preliminary approval for funding to construct a syrup mill for no more than \$45 million at the site. The Finance Authority still must give final approval to the project, which is expected at its next meeting.

After completion of the syrup mill in the fall of 2005, the mill will crush the cane and send the syrup to the major finishing mills to the east.

"We are also looking at an ethanol plant for the site in the coming years, but that facility is still in the early planning stages," Odom said.

Also, Jeff Davis Economic Development officials are working with several other industrial clients to locate at the complex.

"We foresee the Lacassine site becoming the focus of a large economic development area in Jeff Davis Parish," Odom said. "The site is strategically situated with access to major transportation arteries that will make it highly attractive to industrial prospects."

Experts have estimated that about 11,600 truckloads of sugarcane will be eliminated from south

Louisiana highways as a result of moving the cane to the mills by rail. "The residents of Lafayette and other towns between sugarcane farms and the mills have long had to endure the danger and inconvenience of large, slow moving sugarcane trucks moving through their areas during the fall and into the winter months," Odom said. This should go a long way to eliminating much of that.



**Thirty-two rail cars of sugarcane leave from southwest Louisiana farms daily (above, clockwise). Workers supervise cane loading and Commissioner Bob Odom does media interviews at the kick off for the new facility in Jeff Davis Parish.**

"In addition to removing trucks from the highways, moving the cane by rail and then in the future reducing the cane to syrup at the site will also help ensure growth and stability for sugarcane farmers in the south-

western parishes of Louisiana," Odom said.



## CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

**REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.**

**Reg. polled pb** Char. heifers, excel. EPD's, 8-9 mos., \$625/1-up; reg. yrlg. bulls, \$875/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush; (985) 886-5557 or Peter Feringa, Covington; (985) 871-0317.

**Reg. Char.** 3/N/1's, \$1200-\$1500/1; bulls, 20-24 mos., \$1500-\$1800/1; heavy-bred cows, \$1000/1; open heifers, \$700/1. Harry Comeaux, Arnaudville; (337) 662-3270.

**(12) Reg. Brangus** bulls, big & stout, 22-24 mos., semen tested, \$1800/1; (20) reg. Brangus heifer weans., \$900/1; (25) reg. Brangus bull weans., \$1250/1, will del. Ronnie Link, Evergreen; (318) 939-2345.

**BBU reg.** Beefmaster bulls, 18 mos., red, excel. cond., \$750/1; 12 mos., \$500/1. Waldo Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 235-4587 or (337) 332-3531.

**Reg. Simbrah** bull calf, excel. show prospect, will make good herd bull, born 4/03, full sister on premises to compare, \$600. Kathy Reynaud, Marksville; (318) 253-4505 or (318) 305-0441.

**Reg. 2 yr. bulls,** LBW, heavy wean. weight., long & thick, ready for heavy service, Angus, \$1400/1; Hereford, \$1200/1. John Patrick, St. Francisville; (225) 635-4951 or (225) 635-4614.

**Reg. Beefmaster** herd sire, sire polled Mandate, dam Phantom daughter, classified U 1/3, 4 1/2 yrs., \$2000. Kendall McKenzie, Angie; (985) 848-5468 or (985) 848-5387.

**Reg. Brangus** heifers, 4-9 mos., \$450-\$600/1; 4 yr. reg. Brangus female, exposed to Angus bull, \$700. Dale Watts, Watson; (225) 791-0647.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, 12-15 mos., Budsmayad & Big Sky breeding, cert. herd, \$1000/1-up. Stanley Lemoine, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7088.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmayad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bulls, 8-9 mos., \$550. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

**Reg. horned & polled** Hereford

bulls, 21 mos., excel. bloodlines & EPD's, well built, thick & deep, ready for service, semen tested, Bogalusa area, \$1500/1. William Bell, New Orleans; (504) 864-1565.

**(1) BBU Beefmaster** bull, born 4/8/03 & (1) pb Beefmaster bull, born 4/7/03, \$500/1. Betty D'Augereau, Kaplan; (337) 643-1724.

**Reg. Texas** Longhorns, modern, deep bodied cattle, w/lots of color, bloodlines & horn, (3) good yrlgs., (2) heifers & (1) bull, \$400-\$600/1 or \$1400/all. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**Reg. Limousin** bull, born 1/11/03, A1 sire, Cane Ridge Blockade, red, halter broke, extremely gentle, great conform., \$1000. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-6495.

**Reg. Brangus** bulls, breeding age, \$975/1-up, Brangus cows & heifers also. Chip Durand, St. Martinville; (337) 394-4008.

**Reg. blk. polled** Limousin bull, born 12/20/02, possibly homozygous blk., \$1000. Michael LeDoux, Rayne; (337) 334-2820.

**Reg. Simm. & Simbrah** cattle, heifers, bulls & prs., \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**Reg. Senepol** bulls, 17-22 mos., \$1200-\$1500; 3 yr., \$1500. James Hall, Loranger; (318) 442-3911.

**Pb Texas** Longhorn bull, 4 yrs., 6' horn spread, very gentle, excel. breeder, \$500. Randy Thornton, Urania; (318) 495-3209.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, 35 mos., guar-

anteed for breeding, Wyoming Wind bloodline, very gentle, \$1500. L. J. Mayeaux, Moreauville; (318) 997-2417 or (318) 253-9751.

**(22) Crossbred heifers,** bred to Angus bull, \$800/1; (16) crossbred heifers, bred to blk. Limousin bull, \$750-\$800/1, all bred for spring calving. Steve Myers, Slaughter; (225) 683-4314.

**Brahman/Holstein** heifers, breeding age, guaranteed open, vacc. & dehorned, \$490/1-up. Donald Barlow, Ethel; (225) 683-4177.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, \$1000/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954.

**(57) Reg. gray** Brahman heifers & cows, bred/exposed to reg. Angus & horned Hereford bulls for fall & spring calving, some calving now, excel. quality, \$1300-\$1500/1. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 632-2695.

**Herd dispersal,** reg. Brahmans, (8) mama cows, w/calves, 4-18 mo. heifers, (1) Miss. State champ. herd bull, \$15,000/all. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

**(5) Braford** heifers, 3 yrs., avg. weight is 1000 lbs., super gentle, bred to Braford bull, \$4000/all. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

**Reg. Angus,** (10) large-framed heifers, from 18-24 mos., now being bred, \$1200/1 or \$1000/1, if all taken. LeMar DePhillips, Husser; (985) 748-7298.

**Reg. BBU** bulls, (2) dark red, (1) light red, Havana grandsons, hound

dog gentle, 16-18 mos., \$850/1-up. Dewey O'Neal, Baker; (225) 261-3260.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, 12-17 mos., \$800/1-up; reg. Angus bulls, 12-17 mos., \$800/1-up, Angus w/o papers also. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

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**Jersey nurse** cow, calved 7/15/03, \$500. Bubba Reed, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4976.

**Char. bulls**, LBW, high weaning, \$1000/1-up. Ron Fuqua, Effie; (318) 253-4682.

**Reg. Beefmaster** bulls & heifers, cert. herd, merit breeder, \$700/1-up. David Domengeaux, Carencro; (337) 668-4666 or (337) 668-4461.

**Reg. Brangus** heifers & bulls, 6-9 mos., very gentle, up to date on shots & worming, \$600-\$800/1. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier; (225) 777-4909.

**Reg. blk.** Angus bulls, 9-20 mos., Fame bloodline, \$800/1. Bud Gautreaux, Rayne; (337) 334-7588.

**(3) Good Stocker** cows, 4, 5 & 6 yrs., (1) Brangus, (1) Char., (1) Brahman, W. F. cross, bred 3 ½-6 mos., avg. wt. 1000 lbs., \$1600; (4) bred cows, 4-7 mos., avg. wt. 1000 lbs., \$2175/all. D. R. Brown, Prairieville; (225) 673-6308.

**(9) Pb Char.** cows, (1) bull, (1) calf, all w/o horns, 4-7 yrs., \$7500; (3) young pb Char. bulls, 10-13 mos., ready to bred, \$600-\$800/1. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2079.

**(2) Simm. bulls**, polled, pure-bred, blk., wh. face, 6 frame, performance proven genetics, cert. herd, 2 yr., \$1500; 16 mo., \$1200. Louis Wittie, Hammond; (985) 345-6748.

**(3) Heavy bred**, crossbred cows, 6-7 yrs., avg. weight is 1000 lbs., \$1650/all. M. Bridges, Kentwood; (985) 229-3806.

**Reg. horned** Hereford bulls, calves, yrlgs. & 2 yr., \$700/1-up. Ray Taylor, Morrow; (318) 346-7531.

**(150) Brangus** top-quality replacement heifers, bred to LBW reg. Angus bulls, large frames, vacc., very gentle, sell any amount, \$825/1. Ralph Robinson, Ida; (318) 284-3530.

**Pb Char.** bulls, 8-12 mos., parents on premises, \$700/1. Russell Barrow, DeQuincy; (337) 786-6131.

**Pb Simm. bull**, 7/03, show prospect, D & S on farm. Norbert LeJeune, Jeanerette; (337) 276-5813.

**(17) Heavy exposed** heifers, 18-20 mos., blk. & blk. baldy, bred to reg. Angus bulls, \$650/1, if all taken. Robert Cancienne, Galliano; (985) 632-5765.

**Reg. Brangus** bull, proven herd sire, Pathfinder bloodline, offspring on premises, 5 yrs., \$1600. Barney Oufnac, Covington; (985) 892-7539.

**Red Beefmaster/Char.** bull, 1/11/01, gentle, wormed, grain raised, heavy, ready for service, \$800 neg. David McCaa, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-9317.

**Large selection** of Gelbvieh & red Angus bulls, all ages, \$1000/1-up. Homer Knost, Clinton; (225) 683-8044.

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**AQHA sorrel** yrlg. stud colt, Peppy Doc Again, Special Effort, Blondy's Dude, excel. conform., \$1500. Gerald Ducote, Simmesport, (318) 941-2748.

**2003 AQHA** gray filly, Two-Eyed Jack, Jet Deck, beautiful, very gentle, halter broke, \$1250. Buck Harris, Baton Rouge; (225) 769-2978.

**Pony geld.,** 38", very gentle, ridden by 4 yr., used for trail rides, barrels, poles & pleasure, \$1000. Rebecca McLindon, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

**Reg. TW blk./wh.** spotted geld., 2 ½ yrs., 15 hands, very gentle, anyone can ride, \$2000. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

**1999 AQHA** gray geld., Docs Budha x Go-Man-Go grandson, good handle, started roping, \$3500; '99 AQHA bay geld., foundation bred, roped steers in pasture, \$3500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

**1994 APHA** tobiano stallion, good disp., easy going, all shots, 14.5 hands, sorrel & wh., (1) blue eye, \$2200. Oneil LeBlanc, Jeanerette; (337) 276-5989.

**TWHBEA & reg.** racking, blk. 12 yr. geld., 16 hands, trained Parelli level 1 & 4-H horsemen program, well trained, smooth gaited, spirited & fast, exp. rider only, \$2800. Rick Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

**2003 Reg. TW** brown/wh. tobiano colt, beautiful markings, should mature to be tall & stocky, \$2000. Mark Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

**2003 Reg. TW** tri-colored colt, 4-wh. stockings & star, dam & sire both 17 hands, should mature to be very tall, grandfather is WGC "The Touch", \$2500. Donna Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

**TWHBEA 10 yr.** blk. mare, trained to ride w/smooth natural head-nodding gait, has produced buckskin & spotted foals, \$2000. Rachel Urban, Opelousas; (337) 942-8305.

**AQHA reg.** red roan 4 yr. mare, very gentle, great for trail riding, has been started on cattle, Leo & King bred, \$2500. Erik & Racheal Hebert, St. Amant; (225) 675-6499.

**2001 APHA** bay filly, 50 days pro training, beautiful & intelligent, cutting or roping prospect, Colonel Freckles, Peppy San Badger, Poco Tivio breeding, \$1600. Michelle Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**5 Yr. blk./wh.** paint mare, beauti-

ful, must see to appreciate, gentle & broke to ride, offspring of Joey Black Pepper, easy to handle, \$1000. Michael Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**10 Yr. bay QH** mare, excel. trail & pleasure horse, rides anywhere, for anyone, loads, bathes, clips & trims well, \$850. J. White, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**1999 AQHA** mare, super handle, started on barrels & times events, great disp., very sweet, \$2500. Lisa Topham, Patterson; (985) 399-6879.

**AQHA reg.** NBHA QH, started cattle horse, has shots, 2 time world qualifier, 8 yr. geld., \$4500 obo. Abel Trosclair, Cut Off; (985) 665-7638 or (985) 665-8630.

**Weans. & Yrlgs.,** Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, extra fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500/1-up. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

**1995 Young** Gun geld., good handle, light turn back use, excel. penning/sorting prospect, sound, easy keeper, smart, good for any rider, \$3000. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

**Reg. pb Arabians** at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2+ hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & for sale, \$500/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

**Reg. pb Arabian** stallions, mares, colts & fillies, Egyptian/Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barish de Washoe bloodlines, \$500 down & up. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

**(2) Blk. mules**, 15+ hands, w/all harnesses & big covered wagon, equipped for week-long rides, \$6000/all. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Reg. App.** gelding, Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, also bred 14.2-hand mare mule, \$1000/1 neg. H. Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Paint world** champ., 12 ROM's, including halter, HUS, showmanship & WR, \$25,000; fancy AQHA, Doc Bar bred mare, 4-wh. legs, bald face, started well, \$3500. Russ Nixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

**16 Yr. QH** mare, barrel & pole horse, does all Pay Day events, great disp., anyone can ride, \$2200. Shawn Cooper, DeQuincy; (337) 786-6160.

**Reg. Arabian** mare, 14 yrs., bay w/blk. mane & tail, super sweet & gentle, 14 hands, 800 lbs., \$1500. C. Smith, Coushatta; (318) 932-3033.

**APHA 15 yr.**, paint overo mare, great kid's horse, very gentle, sires Dark Ave., Lil' Abner, Top Billing, \$1100. Shane Bellue, Jackson; (225) 629-5545.

**AQHA working** mares, yrlgs. & gelds., 2 & 3 yrs., pro training on cattle & roping, Doc Bar, Gay Bar King, Poco Bueno, Smart Little Lena, Smart Little Jerry, super gentle, excel. high school/ranch prospects, \$1500/1-up. M. LaHaye, Ville Platte; (337) 224-9362.

**2 Yr. reg.** APHA geld., sorrel/wh.

tobiano, green broke, very gentle, ready to go whatever you want, \$1250. Karen Mixon, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-3367.

**1999 Reg. AQHA** geld., solid bay, excel. handle, super gentle, Dry Doc, Waggoner & Leo bred, excel. disp., ropes & pulls, \$4000. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

**(2) 2 yr. sorrel** mares, \$895/1; 1 yr. mule, off reg. QH mare & mammoth jack, \$800; young paint stud colt, \$650. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

**2003 APHC** chestnut colt, w/blanket, sire is world champ. Moon Me, dam is performance bred, potential in show ring & breeding stallion, \$3000. R. W. Neuman, Natchitoches; (318) 472-8158.

**2002 AQHA** cremello stallion, dbl. dilute gene, foundation bred Sport Model, Doc Bar, Blondy Dude & King, great conform., breed your sorrel mare & get a pal., guaranteed, \$3500. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@aol.com or (985) 878-4151.

**2002 AQHA PHBA** pal. stallion, Doc Bar, Blondy Dude & King bred, 4th gen. dilute gene, should mature to 16 hands, excel. disp. & conform., great asset to any breeding program, \$2500. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@aol.com or (985) 878-4151.

**(1) 2 Yr. filly**, Freckles Playboy & Poco bloodline, \$600; 1 ½ yr. filly, Poco, Badger & Doc Bar bloodline, \$1000; (1) 3 yr. filly, Conclusive Copy by Two-Eyed Jack mare, \$1000. Evans Meche, Plaucheville; (318) 939-2211.

**1996 Sorrel/overo** mare, lines to Puddenhead, Whizaway, Adios Amigos, has had 30 days training, very green broke, reducing herd, \$900. Dette Rainwater, Zachary; (225) 654-3405 or (225) 252-0871.

**2002 Cremello/overo** filly, homozygous, 100% pal. producer, lines to Puddenhead, Whizaway & Adios Amigos, 14.2 hands, gentle, \$1200. D. Rainwater, Zachary; (225) 654-3405 or (225) 252-0871.

**AQHA dun** mare, Leo & King bred, trail rides, nice buckskin at side, Puddenhead, Dry Doc, tiny head, big hip, lots of muscle, \$1800. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

**APHA homozygous** mares, exposed to homozygous stallion, \$1499/1-up. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

**2001 & 2002 AQHA** sorrel fillies, good cutting horse prospect, \$1495/1. Jean Causey, Prairieville; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

**1990 sorrel** stallion, son of Triangle Gold War, \$5000; AQHA '93 sorrel geld., '90 sorrel geld., both Bar bloodline, \$2500/1. Dave Landry, Gheens; (985) 532-6587.

**AQHA bay** geld., 2 yrs., 14.2 hands, 950 lbs., super calm, gentle, laid back, excel. handle, started on cattle, ropes & pulls, King Ranch bloodlines, hauled a lot, no bad habits, \$3200 obo. A. Smith, Gonzales; (225) 673-3617.

**AQHA 3 yr.** sorrel filly, heel horse, well started on head side, quiet in box, no vices, \$4000, other roping & barrel horses avail. Travis Howell, Hinston; (318) 793-8587.

**2000 Red** roan geld., 15.3 hands,

Zan Parr & Doc Bar, excel. handle & stop, will be a performer, \$2500. John O'Neal, Lake Charles; (337) 433-1856.

**Miniature horse** mare, w/4 mo. filly, bred back to mini paint stud, \$1200. Corey Zeringue, Cut Off; (985) 632-2695.

**2002 AQHA** yrlg. filly, sire out of Peppy Doc Again & out of granddaughter of Tanquery Gin, \$2000; '02 Thoroughbred stud colt, \$450. Pat Laborde, Marksville; (318) 253-6869.

**AMHR miniature** horse colt, 5 mos., pal. w/wh. blaze, will hold for Christmas, \$400. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; cynthiabritton@yahoo.com, Web page: www.dachshundfarm.com or (225) 658-9293.

**Reg. QH, palo.,** paints & more, mares & ponies, \$800/1-up. Kent Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 523-4146.

**(3) AQHA** reg. geld., (2) 2 yr., (1) 3 yr., \$1200/1 or \$3000/all. Joyce Williams, Pitkin; (318) 634-7427.

**1989 AQHA** pal. mare, granddaughter of Dash For Cash, excel. barrel & pole horse, has also penned cows, \$3000. Marsha King, Houma; (985) 853-2927.

**Paints, sorrels** & palominos, several to choose from, studs & mares, \$800/1-up. Colton Terrell, Kentwood; (985) 229-3922.

**1985 Pal. mare**, daughter of Especial (own son of Doc Bar), War Leo, Freckles Playboy, Docs Jack Frost, Jewels Leo Bar on papers, \$3500. Heather Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**2001 Buckskin** grullo geld., Skippa Star, Ty Co Rojo, Uno Twist, Bogie blk., Trena Pat., very gentle, easy loader, great disp., \$1000. Shane Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**2003 AQHA** gray colt, Smart Little Lena, Doc O'Lena, Precious Playboy, Freckles Playboy, Lara Lena, Dee Gee's King, out of King, all on papers, very nice stud prospect, \$3000. Ted Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**1985 gray** mare, daughter of Handle Bar Doc, Dee Gee's King, out of King & Dodger Crocker, out of Eddie on papers, NCHA producer, excel. broodmare, \$3000. Casey Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**1982 bay** mare, Peponita, Leo San, Miss Glascock, Power River, Circle S Bear, heavy built, excel. broodmare, \$600. Cindy Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**Reg. Peruvian** Pasos, champ. sired, training appropriate for age, all gentle, w/no vices, pal., bay & chestnut, geld., colts & fillies, 1-4 yrs., (1) finished in bit, \$1480-\$5400. Sharlane Clattenburg, Montpelier; (225) 777-4909.

**2001 APHA** solid sorrel geld., w/90 days pro riding, by Barlink Tuff Times, out of Skippa Receipt mare, excel. area prospect, started on barrels, \$2500. Anita Craig, Deville; (318) 466-3839.

**APHA colts** & 2 yr. gelds., various colors, good bloodlines & conform., \$400/1-up, will trade for APHA tobiano broodmares. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

**Reg. TB** mares, \$600/1 or \$1500/all. James Ryder, Pollock; (318) 765-3291.



**AQHA geld.,** Puddenhead, shown district & state, great disp., 6 mos. pro training, \$3500; reg. paint mare, 4-H shown, overo, \$2000; mini stallion, 3 mos., \$400; 3 mo. paint, QH breeding, \$1000. Melissa Henry, Patterson; (985) 395-6015.

**Reg. MFT,** gaited, 6 yr. mare, trail riding, easy to ride, easy keeper, 14.1 hands, \$1800. Jimmie Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6089.

**1998 AQHA pal. geld.,** sire is Impressive Wink, dam is Stormy's Fancy Lady, he's a big beautiful horse, \$2000. Mike Gulino, Gonzales; (225) 673-1857.

**Broodmares, (2)** daughters of Tiptoe, (1) Peppy San, bred to foal to pal. grandson of Peppy San Badger, w/points in reining, \$2000/1. Jim Kenney, Columbia; (318) 649-0777.

**2003 Colts,** (1) blk./wh. paint, \$500; (1) blk. TW, \$400; (1) blk. QH, \$400, all are gentle & halter broke. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**2 Yr. QH geld.,** very gentle, for anyone to ride, \$600; 10 yr. reg. App. mare, very good handle, \$1200. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**APHA 5 yr. blk. breeding stock** mare, very sweet & gentle, anyone can ride, great trail rider, started on cattle sorting, \$2000. N. Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

**AQHA 4 yr. linebred red dun geld.,** big, flashy & gentle, foundation bloodlines, trail riding & started on cattle sorting, \$3000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

**Mules, plow mule,** w/wagon, buggy & plow harness, \$1650; molly, gaited, trail, parade, coon hunt, \$1250. Jim White, Castor; (318) 544-2356.

**AQHA '01 filly,** Peppy San Badger, Doc Bar, Sugar Bars, Catahoula King lines, 45 plus rides, broke & ready for training, \$2500; APHA '01 loud sorrel/wh. overo stallion, Versary Bars, King, Three Bars, Sport Model, Leo bloodlines, 45 rides, ready to work, \$2500. Aryon McGuire, Grayson; (318) 649-5583.

**AQHA '03 weans.,** Two-Eyed Jack, Skipper W, King, Three Bars, Sport Model bloodlines, \$600/1-up; '02 yrlgs., same bloodlines, \$1000/1-up, good looking performance horses. A. McGuire, Grayson; (318) 649-5583.

**1990 AQHA sorrel mare,** pro trained reiner, granddaughter top Colonel Freckles, bottom Dry Doc, nice mare, \$4000. Ginger Emerson, Coushatta; (318) 932-6385.

**AQHA bay roan stallion,** 25% Poco Bueno & Mr. San Peppy, beautiful colt, well built & athletic, good stud prospect, AQHA '03 gray stud colt, 4-wh. socks, Gold Fingers, Sugar Bars, King & Leo, \$1200/1-up. Joe Rider, Oberlin; (337) 639-2884.

**TW horses,** (1) blk./wh. tobiano wean. colt, (1) chestnut filly, \$1800/1-up; Pal. stallion, 2 1/2 yrs., excel. gait, \$6500 others avail. Bennie Franks, Harrisonburg; (318) 744-5390.

**TW yrlg. colts,** (1) blk. w/star & 3 wh. socks, grandson of Generator's Sundrop, (1) sorrell, w/star & 1-hind sock, Dandy Copy, Triple Threat

bloodlines, \$1500/1, others avail. B. Franks, Harrisonburg; Web site: [www.circlleftwhfarms.com](http://www.circlleftwhfarms.com) or (318) 744-5390.

**Broodmare, w/colt** at side, rebred for April foal, very well bred, 3/N/1, \$2000; TB, very well bred, 8 yr. w/colt at side, rebred for 4/04, (1) yrlg. filly, \$3700/all. L. Miller, Scott; (337) 234-3464.

## STALLION SERVICE

**Blk./wh. Appaloosa,** Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**AQHA pal.,** Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**APHA homozygous blk./wh. stallion,** '98 Miss. grand champ. in halter, guaranteed paint, good conform., \$250/\$5 mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

**APHA bay/wh. tobiano,** Tinky Sugar Bar, Super Speedie, Specks Spot, King Greasebar bloodline, \$200/reg., \$150/unreg., \$5 mare care. Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519 or (337) 207-3217.

## SHEEP & GOATS

**Fb IBGA reg. Boer kids,** born 6/3/03 & 6/5/03, (2) billies, \$250/1. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

**NDGA reg. Nigerian dwarf** goats, naturally polled, buckskin, buck kid, born 7/5/03, \$75. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

**Pb Boer goats & percentage goats,** all ages, \$100/1-up. Kent Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 523-4146.

**Artificial bred Yorkshire Boer** from LSU, good quality, coming 2 yrs., \$150. Matthew Givs, Sunset; (337) 662-3637 or (225) 229-3453.

**100% Boer billy,** '99, good bloodline, quality offspring, \$300. Sam Matthis, DeRidder; (337) 463-6788.

**100% Boer billy,** show wethers & percentages, all from good bloodlines, \$75/1-up. Parson Belgard, Deville; (318) 466-3144.

**Pb Katahdin males & females,** 8-9 mos., \$100-\$125/1. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

**Fb IBGA Boer goats,** reg. (2) billies, (2) does, born, 3/03, (2) nannies, Stones Martin 7E & Mango bloodline, \$250/1-up. Murphy Stelly, Carencro; (337) 896-6016.

**White Katahdin herd buck,** 4 yrs., 200 lbs., \$150. Buford Landreneau, Washington; (337) 363-8095.

**Fb Nigerian dwarf kids,** bottle feed, or will hold until Christmas, \$75/1-up, depending on kid. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; [cynthiabritton@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiabritton@yahoo.com), Web page: [www.dachshundfarm.com](http://www.dachshundfarm.com) or (225) 658-9293.

## LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

**Reg. American bulldog pups,** \$500 & \$800, should weigh 90-120 lbs. Terry Broussard, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-1742 or (337) 280-8396.

**Reg. AKC mini schnauzer pups,** due 9/24/03, taking non-refundable deposits, expecting blk. & white, \$300/1-up. C. Smith, Coushatta; (318) 932-3033.

**Reg. blue heeler pups,** shots & wormed, out of working stock, born 8/7/03, \$100. Charles Bell, Franklinton; (985) 839-9222.

**Reg. Border collie pups,** born 8/12/03; (4) females, (2) males, \$150/1. Gary Schiro, Kentwood; (985) 748-7349.

**National stock dog reg.** Australian shepherd pups, all colors, males & females, shots & wormed, will be 8 wks. & ready to go 11/15/03, \$200. William Holmes, Independence; (985) 878-3397.

**CKC rat terrier pups,** tri colored, blk., white & tan, also chocolate, white & tan, born 9/24/03, \$200; CKC Jack Russell terrier short legged pups, \$350. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; [cynthiabritton@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiabritton@yahoo.com), Web page: [www.dachshundfarm.com](http://www.dachshundfarm.com) or (225) 658-9293.

## SWINE

**Louisiana bred 4-H pigs,** beginning Oct. 11 until Nov. 15, \$140/1. Harold Green, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-4195 or (337) 332-5595.

**#1 Slaughter hogs & feeder** hogs, grain fed, \$35/1-up; baby pot-bellied pigs, \$30. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

**(18) Weaner pigs,** wh., lean Yorkshire landrace cross, wormed & castrated, 8 wks., \$35/1. Jorden Werger, Sunset; (337) 662-3672.

## DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

**Senegal parrot,** 2 yrs., sex tested, male, \$250. Winnie Picard, Westlake; (337) 436-8906.

**Baby parakeets,** fancy colors, some tri-colored, \$5/1, yard sale only, no checks. Joe Hains, Jr., New Orleans; (504) 241-6245.

**Indian ringnecks,** (2) proven prs., (1) wh. pr., (1) blue, \$200/pr.; quakers ready to breed, \$200/pr.; Rosie Burkes, \$50/1; will trade Indian ringnecks for equal value of turquoise parakeets. Donald Jacob, LaPlace; (985) 652-6614.

**Indian ringneck parakeets,** '02 hatch, turquoise male, \$150/1; '03 blue LW hen, \$400/1; green split LW, \$250/1; violet-dark green,

\$1000/1; violets, \$2000/1; green/red-eyed yellow-head, \$275/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

**Red-factor canaries,** \$60/1. Juan Castro, Destrehan; (985) 725-0283.

**Diamond doves,** blue-wh. tail, silver-wh. tail, cinnamon-wh. tail, yellow, yellow-wh. tail & red, all closed banded, \$20/1-up, will ship. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

**Ringneck doves normals & wh.,** \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

**Parrots, breeder prs.,** Mexican redheads, \$600; orange wings, \$350. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

**Canaries, from award winning** line, gloster, \$60/1; opal, \$60/1; bronze, \$65/1; red factor, \$65/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

**Natureform NOM45 incubator,** humidity & temperature control, trays rotate, timer controlled, \$1000/1. J. Hall, Loranger; (318) 442-3911.

**Handfed & parent fed cock-**atiels, \$25/1-up; breeder age, wh.-faced, grays, \$40/1; wh.-faced pearl, \$45/1, colors, albinos, lutinos, cinn., wh.-faced pearls. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

**Blue-front Amazon parrot,** w/large cage, friendly & talks, \$700/1. Sal Mistretta, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-9224.

**Orange-faced lovebirds,** lutinos, normals, olives, cinn., \$25-\$50/1. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

**Pacific parrots,** breeding pr., w/cage, \$300; diamond doves, \$20-\$30. Ron LaPlace, Erath; (337) 937-5761.

**Eclectus parrots,** proven Vos Marie pr., \$1700; unproven egg laying pr., \$1300; proven Solomn Island female, \$700. Ernie Worden, Lacombe; (504) 250-5862 or (985) 882-0032.

**Female GN rainbow lory,** 5 yrs., egg layer, \$250; (2) bonded prs. green nape lories, 5-7 yrs., \$500/1; bonded pr. red lories, 5-7 yrs., \$600; canary wing blue-front Amazon, hatched 7/18/02, unsexed, hand raised, only like females, \$500. Carl or Linda Brehm, Hebert; (318) 649-0417.

**Diamond doves,** \$20/1-up; society finches, \$5/1; zebra finches, \$5/1. Ron Tillery, Jr., Thibodaux; [rontillery@charter.net](mailto:rontillery@charter.net) or (985) 448-2999.

## POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

**Ringneck pheasants,** \$10/1; chukars, \$7/1; bobwhites, \$3/1, all flight conditioned. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

**Red & yellow gold pheasants,** \$35/pr; parakeets, \$7/1, other pheasants & doves avail. Randy Zachary, Kentwood; (985) 748-4473.

**Mixed common bantams,** gray guineas, \$1-\$6/1. Fred Guillory, Pineville; (318) 443-2478.

**Barred Rock range chickens,** chicks & fertile eggs, chicks are 1-

10 wks., \$1/1 plus 25¢ for each additional wk., fertile eggs, \$2/doz. Keiffer Meyers, Baker; (225) 261-9533.

**(15) India-blue peacocks,** 3 mos., \$30/1. Steve Lemoine, Moreauville; (318) 985-3649.

**Show quality wh. silkies,** \$5/1-up, button quail, \$3/1. Ron Tillery, Jr., Thibodaux; [rontillery@charter.net](mailto:rontillery@charter.net) or (985) 448-2999.

**(4) Prs. wood ducks,** \$40/pr.; (2) pr. wh. mandarins, \$150/pr; wh. wood ducks, \$100/1; (2) pr. mandarins, \$50/pr. Mel Duet, Larose; [msduet@mobiletel.com](mailto:msduet@mobiletel.com) or (985) 693-5559.

**Pb bantams,** 2003 hatch, \$5/1; turkeys, bronze & royal plum, \$10-\$20/1. W. Lee Wise, Saline; (318) 576-3220.

**Baby muscovy ducks,** \$3/1. W. Vetsch, New Orleans; (504) 482-2662.

**Mixed breed & crossbred chick-**ens, \$4-\$6/1; Peking, blk. Swedish, mostly male ducks, \$7/1. Kathy Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

**Mallard ducks,** babies to mature flyers, \$3.5-\$8/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

**Super large quail hatching eggs,** \$25/100 plus \$12 S&H; live birds 75¢/1-up; dressed quail, \$24/doz. G.R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

**India-blue peacocks,** (2) pr., 2 yrs., very tame, stay in yard, not caged, \$200/all. E.J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

**Selling out,** pure buff orpington hens, 3 mo. pullets, brooders, GQF incubator, hatcher, hen house, net box in back, \$4/up. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

**Bobwhite quail,** \$3/1; chukars, \$6/1; silver duck-wing bantams, \$20/pr. Joy Chaney, DeQuincy; (337) 786-3530.

**Chickens, pullets,** assorted types, \$6-\$7; roasters, \$5-\$6; silkies, cochen, pb bantams, mini type, \$6-\$7; white muscovy ducks, full grown, \$7-\$8. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

**Mixed barnyard chickens & roosters,** pullets, 10 mos., hens, 2-3 yrs., turkey pullets & roosters, \$500/1. Norbert LeJeune, Jeanerette; (337) 276-5813.

**GQF incubator** model 802, 192 eggs, (2) trays, (1) hatching tray, completely automatic, \$200; (1) brooder, \$50. Wayne Landry, Abbeville; (337) 643-1756.

**Bantams, \$3/1,** sold by pair only. Betty D'Augereau, Kaplan; (337) 643-1724.

**Mixed bantams,** \$3/1-up; hen & rooster, \$5/1; wh. guinea, \$10/1; baby guinea, \$3/1-up; B.B. red, \$12/pr. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

**Indian runner ducks,** \$7/1; flying mallards, \$25/trio; hens, \$6/1. Laris Borne, Hayes; (337) 622-3331.

**Fancy chicken breeding prs.,** \$15/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; [cynthiabritton@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiabritton@yahoo.com), Web page: [www.dachshundfarm.com](http://www.dachshundfarm.com) or (225) 658-9293.

**Wanted:** pullets, 4 mos. or older, brown egg layers, within 75 miles. M. McDaniel, Pitkin; (318) 634-7274.



## PIGEONS

**Wanted:** utility or show, white king pigeons. Roy Allison, Covington; (985) 892-1400.

## DEER & EXOTICS

**Trophy elk**, \$1000/1-up; trophy fallow, \$500/1; water buffalo, bull yrlg., \$500. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

**(3) Head buffalo**, (2) 2 yr. heifers, (1) yrlg. bull, \$1600/all. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**Whitetail deer**, (4) baby does on bottle, \$125/1; (3) 16 mo. bucks, \$175/1; (2) 16 mo. does, \$175/1; (2) 3-4 yr. does, \$250/1. Larry Odom, Pitkin; (318) 634-5931.

## AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

**Blue Catfish**, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegills, 20¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; blk. crappie, 25¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

**Bass**, 60¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; crappie, 30¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; catfish, 20¢/1; hybrids, 25¢/1; carp, \$9/1; minnows, \$8/lb. del. avail. Frank Book, Shreveport; (318) 929-4251.

**Aluminum crawfish boat**, 4' x 10', all hydraulic, 11 hp Honda, \$1600; Cormier Bros. aluminum crawfish boat, 5' x 13'6", all hydraulic & elec. start, 16 hp, \$3500. Wendell Manuel, Mamou; (337) 468-4381.

**Crawfish boat**, 14' x 5', metal hull, new 16 hp motor, hyd. pump & wheel motor, front wheels in hull, w/grading type sacking tray, \$3500. Joe Musick, Crowley; (337) 788-2551.

## BEES/HONEY

**Complete beekeeping operation**, (4) hives, no bees, (2) extractors, lots of equipment & materials, too much to list, \$1100. Carl Reece, Gilliam; (318) 222-8400 or (318) 296-4296.

## FARM SERVICES

**Protect your investment & your friend**, freeze branding now avail., ID that is humane & visible year round, \$45. Kim Ballard, Cade; (337) 344-3171.

**Organic farmer** needed in Covington area, detailed information can be obtained at [www.one-heartsong.org](http://www.one-heartsong.org). Gantt Boswell, Covington; (985) 892-0969.

**Full horse boarding**, Opelousas area, current neg. coggins required,

horses also need to be up-to-date on all shots, \$400/month, includes feed, hay, farrier, stall w/bedding, wormer & turnout, does not include vet. Gary or Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 826-4519.

**We buy, sell, train & board horses** and give lessons. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

**Seven Star stables**, full or partial board, clean & hazard free facility, located 10 minutes from Port Allen off Hwy. 190, 60+ acres for riding. Chris or Donna Leger, Plaquemine; (225) 687-2047 or (225) 776-2843.

**We crack pecans**, fast friendly service, we can handle small or large orders, 30¢/lb. Jennifer Young, Zachary; 225-654-3264 or 225-445-5012.

## RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

**10 Acres**, located 4 miles east of Eunice, \$5500/acre obo. Gwyn Kirby, Denham Springs; gwyn@beatlemail.com or (225) 665-4413.

**Red River Parish**, 30 miles S. of Bossier City, 14 miles N. of Coushatta, 50 acres, pasture, fenced, x-fenced, barn, spring-fed creek, \$55,000. David Williams, Ringgold; (318) 932-4482.

**Rapides Parish**, 3 bedroom, 2 bath frame, 15 acres, w/stocked ponds, horse pastures, fruit trees, excel. schools & much more, \$136,000 obo. Fred Guillory, Pineville; (318) 443-2478.

**Acadia Parish**, 40 acres, 3/2 brick home, w/rental, easy access to I-10, \$350,000. B. Mier, Lafayette; (337) 984-4985.

## SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

**Gourds**, large birdhouse, dipper & cshaw, crookneck, green stripe, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Long-handle gourds & cucuzza** long squash, birdseye & Peter peppers, purple & yellow bush datura, red & wh. cypress vine, 4 o'clocks, variegated, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Berfidi, Savanna**, Marinell & Nellie R. Stevens holly, \$4.5/3-gal., \$12/10-gal., \$25/25-gal. & up; snow Indian hawthorn, \$5.5/3-gal.; blue pacific juniper, \$4.5/3-gal.;

azaleas, variety, \$4.5/3-gal.; magnolia phiscotas, \$8. Johnnie Fink, Franklinton; (985) 839-3250.

**Job's tears seeds**, \$1/pkt., w/SASE. Linda Duhon, 4283 Harmon Rd., Crowley, LA, 70526; (337) 783-1553.

**Confederate rose**, blooming, \$8/1; rose of Montana seed, \$1/10 seeds, w/SASE; perennial morning glory, \$3/gal.; Chinese hibiscus, all colors, \$8/3-gal. Vivian Simmons, 704 Tanglewood, DeRidder, LA, 70634; (337) 463-5970.

## TREES & FRUITING VINES

**Figs**, Celeste, alma, brown turkey, \$6/1; empress of China tree, \$15/1; shattering gold tree, \$15/1; yellow bells shrub, \$5/1. Vivian Simmons, DeRidder; (337) 463-5970.

**Pecan trees**, Elliott & Sumner, 2 yrs., 10-gal., \$30/1; cypress & river birch 3-gal., \$6/1. James Robin, Sr., Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

**Fig trees**, 2 yrs., \$9.5/2-gal., at place, 8 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Strawberry plants**, at place, \$10/100. Sharkey Chaney, Gonzales; (225) 673-3884.

**3-Gal. plastic nursery pots**, \$30/100; 15-gal., \$2/1. James Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2690.

**Chinaberry**, \$5-\$15/1; Celeste, honey dew & green ishia figs, \$6/1; white cling & yellow peach, \$8/1; Mamou bush, \$8/1; loquats, \$5/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Southern magnolia**, Celeste & brown turkey fig, Japanese plum, Japanese yew, \$10/3-gal.; Chinese fan palm, \$10/3-gal.; monkey grass, \$1/3 qt.; lemon grass, Buford holly, \$4/1-gal.; red. amaryllis, \$4/1-up. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

**Crape myrtle B & B**, 8'-10' & up, \$25; holly trees, \$12/10-gal.; 25-gal., \$25 & up; 10' + holly in ground, \$50, or make offer for all; Japanese plum trees, \$5.5/3-gal.; Leland cypress, \$25/15-gal. Johnnie Fink, Franklinton; (985) 839-3250.

**Mayhaw trees**, large fruited varieties, also red mulberry, crabapple, Chickasaw plum, Catalpa, native magnolia, \$7-\$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston; (225) 686-0248.

## FRUITS & VEGETABLES

**Sweet potatoes**, Beauregard, \$6/40 lb. box; Porto Rico, \$10/per box, cheaper in quantity. Brown McLemore, Gilbert; (318) 435-6833.

## HAY & GRAIN

**Cow hay**, \$2.5/bale; Bahia, \$2.75/bale; Alicia, \$4/bale; bedding, \$2/bale. Edward Zisk, Pearl River; (985) 863-7909.

**Oct. 2003 rd. bales**, in field, \$18/1; delivered, \$28/1. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bell-south.net, (318) 576-9913 or (318) 471-9273.

**2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda**, \$3.5/bale, in barn; \$4-\$4.5/bale delivered, but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

**2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda**, 4x6 rd. bales, \$20 for Bahia; \$30 for Jiggs, del. \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

**2003 Rice straw**, 4x5 bales, will load, \$10/1; will del., \$15/1. Ricky Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 224-5632.

**2003 Bahia sq. bales**, \$3/1, in barn, cured w/o rain. Dale Roberts, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-0230.

**Alicia Bermuda grass hay**, clean, fertilized to soil test, 4x5 bales, \$25/1 or \$20/1 if 10 or more purchased; cow hay, sq. bales, \$2.5/1, del. avail. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

**(300) 4x5 rd. bales** pure Bahia, well fert. & cured, w/o rain, fall '03 crop, \$20/1. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

**High quality 4x4 rd. bales** of Bahia, fert. kept in barn, \$20/1. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (504) 345-1128.

**2003 Fert. Jiggs Bermuda hay**, rd. bales, \$15/1; sq. bales, \$2.75, in field; sq. bales, \$3.5, in barn. E. J. Littleton, Lecompte; (318) 776-5379.

**2003 Mixed grass hay** 4x5 bales, baled July & Aug., w/o rain, \$18.5/1. R. Merrell, Ville Platte; (337) 831-3746 or (337) 461-2499.

**Fert. Jiggs**, small rd. bales, \$17/1 in barn; \$15/1, out of barn; Bahia, \$15/1, in barn. Curby Richard, Evangeline; (337) 824-1424.

**2003 Bahia 5x5 bales**, well fert., no rain, \$25/1, in shed; '03 rye grass, sq. bales, well fert., \$2.25/1, in shed. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**2003 Horse hay**, Argentine or Pensacola Bahia grass, 3rd & 4th cutting, fert. & cut short, \$3.25/1, in field; \$3.5/1, in barn; cattle hay, \$2.5/1. David Joiner, Loranger; (985) 878-6734 or (985) 878-9002.

**Bahia hay**, 6x5 rd. bales, \$20/1, in field; \$25/1, in barn. Mike Patanella, Independence; (985) 878-9765 or (985) 687-5030.

**Bahia hay**, 4x5 rd. bales, well fert. & cured, w/o rain, in barn, excel. quality, \$25/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

**Bahia hay**, rd. bales, fert., under barn, excel. quality, no weeds, del. avail., \$35, quantity discounts. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

**2002 Jiggs hay**, well fert. & cured, \$20/1 or \$50/3; '03 Shelled corn, 50 lbs., \$4; 100 lbs., \$7. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

**Jiggs Bermuda**, horse/cow, 5x5 rd. bales, \$18/1; baling Oct./Nov., pick up in field. Faith Calbeck, Alexandria; (318) 443-2231.

**Jiggs, horse quality hay**, fert., weed free & cured w/o rain, fine stemmed, green in color, \$3.5/1; cow hay, \$2.5/1. Craig Gremillion, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3719 or (318) 876-2843.

**Homemade cattle feed**, 12% protein, bulk, \$141.75-\$168, avail. sacked. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

**Mixed grass hay**, 5x6 rd. bales, baled 9/03, \$18/1, will load. Cecil Guillory, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6036.

**Fert. Bahia horse hay**, sq. bales, \$2.5/1; rd. bales, \$15/1. Henry Blount, Jr., Holden; (225) 777-4376.

**Jiggs & Bahia**, 5x5 rd. bales, fert. & cured w/o rain, \$17-\$20, quantity discounts avail. Miles Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-2270.

**2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda**, 4x5 bales, fert. & cured w/o rain, in barn, will load, booking, \$20/1; booking for Jiggs sq. bales, \$3.75/1. Gayland LeBlanc, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-3526.

**Alicia Bermuda hay**, sq. bales, \$3.75/1, in barn; Bahia, \$2.5/1, in barn; rd. bales, \$20 & \$25/1. Joe Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 230-7273.

**Rd. bales of Bahia**, cut 8-03, \$20/1. John Shipman, Wilmer; (985) 748-7444.

**Rd. bales**, \$35/1. June Cashio, Prairieville; (225) 673-3186 or (225) 603-4408.

**Argentine Bahia**, horse quality, sq. bales, \$3/1, in field; \$3.5/1, in barn; 4x4 rd. bales, \$18, in field; \$20, in barn. Richard Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

**5x5 Rd. rolls** of Russell Bermuda grass & 5x5 rolls of Alicia Bermuda grass, \$20/1. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

**4x5 Bahia rd. bales** of hay, hay is in Plaquemine & Gonzales areas, \$14/1, in field; \$20/1, del. Robby Rodrigue, Plaquemine; (225) 685-1137.

**Mixed soybean & corn oil** in bulk, \$1/per gal. Joe Rogers, Covington; (985) 893-5834.

## TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

**1998 Komatsu D38P dozer**, 6-way blade, joystick, 4400 hrs., excel. cond., \$35,000. James Simmons, Pollock; (318) 765-9373.

**5 1/2' Bush Hog brand bush hog**, heavy-duty, has 100 hp gearbox in excel. cond. Curtis Williams, Franklinton; (985) 848-7070.

**1997 Mahindra trac.**, 50 hp, w/canopy, hydraulics, 400 hrs., excel. cond., shed kept, \$8200. Christy Dicapo, Leonville; (337) 879-2551.

**7' Land Pride grooming mower**, w/rear discharge, in like new cond., \$1700. Roy Adams, Morse; (337) 783-7313.

**NH model 615 hay mower**, \$4000; 150-gal. sprayer, 28' boom, \$1800; 8-wheel "V" rake, \$2000;



Vermeer 504 Super "I" rd. baler, \$10,000, all kept in barn, excel. cond. Glynn Cavin, Slaughter; (225) 927-4978.

**Farmall 140**, w/belly mower & bush hog, trac. & belly mower in excel. cond., \$2400. Thomas Switzer, Longville; (337) 725-3830.

**1985 Ford** 6610 c/a, w/new front-end loader, good cond., \$14,000. Robert Reneau, Shreveport; (318) 773-9752.

**5' Shredder**, in good working cond., but needs new top, \$150. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2079.

**JD 4430**, \$15,000; JD 4440, \$18,000, both have cab/air, very clean, excel. cond. Roy Marcantel, Kinder; (337) 738-2647.

**NH 570 sq.** baler, excel. cond., \$8000. Roy Jordan, Dodson; (318) 628-6548 or (318) 628-1970.

**Kubata L235**, 3 cyl. diesel, 23 hp, turf tires, \$3500. Cyril Cleland, Folsom; (985) 796-5469.

**MF 255 diesel** trac., w/loader, good working cond., \$9500. Dub Jenkins, Franklinton; (985) 839-4133.

**CAT B excavator**, \$26,500 neg. Joe Cashio, Prairieville; (225) 673-3186 or (225) 603-4408.

**15' Alamo shredder**, heavy-duty, excel. cond., \$5300. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**9N Ford trac.**, 12 volt system, good hyd., everything works, good cond., \$2300 obo. Oliver Duncan, Prairieville; (225) 622-3919.

**990 David Brown**, for parts, 1-new rear tire, extra block Syncro range, \$800; 13' Side Winder clipper, needs some welding, works, as is, \$600. Mike Ligon, Ethel; (225) 683-5181 or (225) 244-1754.

**NH 462 disc** hay cutter, 8', good cond., field ready, completely reworked, \$1350; NH 463 disc hay cutter, for parts, \$250 or \$1500/both. Hilde Chenevert, Livonia; (225) 637-3594.

**Case 1170 trac.**, w/rebuilt engine & 3 pt. hitch, good cond., reduced to \$5500; tree planting machines, light, med. & heavy-duty, \$500-\$2500. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 448-1594.

**MF 165 diesel** trac., 65 hp, reconditioned, \$6995. Edward Zisk, Pearl River; (985) 863-7909.

**Belarus 400A**, fair shape, \$3000; Mitsubishi MT 372, w/42" Woods mower, \$2000 or will trade either for stock trailer. John Bowman, DeRidder; (337) 463-5949.

**4-Row equipment**, Amoco hipers, planters, (2) sets of cult., \$100/1 or \$300/all. Geane Desselle, Moreauville; (318) 997-2129.

**1993 Int. Detroit** engine, 9 spd. trans., good rubber, \$7500. J. C. Savoie, Opelousas; (800) 801-4964.

**Krone Rand** baler, 4'x5' rolls, auto tie, monitor, used 4 seasons, like new, excel. cond., \$7000. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

**Farmall cub** trac., w/belly mower, red, good cond., \$1600. Jill Hutcheson, Ponchatoula; jll-hutch@yahoo.com, (985) 370-6922 or (985) 507-6657.

**PTO driven** ditcher, needs work, \$175; hyd. cyl., 3" bore, by 8" & 10" stroke, \$25/1; Case 530, 50 hp, category 1, w/remote & p/s, \$3500; dirt scoop, \$160; heavy-duty 4'

grader blade, \$200. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

**OMC pecan** shaker, 4-wheeled monoboom, scissor head, donut pads, good cond., \$6500. Mike Montgomery, Bossier City; (318) 746-3740.

**Hesston Stak-Hand** 10 hay baler, makes big hay-stack type bales, w/special hay fork to move blades, \$800 obo. Michael Mitchell, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7204.

**JD 12' disc**, w/cyl., \$4000; IH 1466, 2P/canopy, dual PTO, \$3600; IH 484 diesel, p/s & remote, \$4500; Ford 1500 diesel trac., \$16,000; IH 430 sq. baler, \$350 firm; 8N Ford 52 model, \$2000; NH 849 rd. baler, \$1500. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

**NH 3010**, 3 yrs., 91 hrs., 5' bush hog, \$12,000. Dwayne Richards, Eros; (318) 249-2513.

**Brush hog**, hyd. blade, belly pan, grill guard, fits, 5610 Ford trac., \$750 obo. Wade Goings, Robeline; (318) 672-3888.

**1150B Case** dozer, tilt blade, 300 hrs. on new engine, 50%-60% undercarriage, \$22,000, ready to work. Tony Singleton, Dry Creek; (337) 639-4728.

**Rhino turf** flex 15 1/2' finish mower, great for orchards or large yards, \$2800. Dwayne Riche', Cottonport; (318) 964-2473.

**MF 240 diesel** trac., 40 hp, roll bars, like new, \$8500; MF 255, 55 hp, diesel, \$8000. Ernest Webb, Choudrant; (318) 768-2685.

**IH 1100** feedmill, crusher & mixer on wheels, mobile w/auger, operates off PTO, shed kept excel. cond., \$3800. G. Perron, Opelousas; (337) 942-5272.

**970 Case**, 85 hp, diesel, new rear tires, \$6000; prime basing plow, \$800; new Brammer offset ditcher, ditched 300 acres, \$2000; Long 1199B backhoe, \$1000. Joe Musick, Crowley; (337) 788-2551.

**ARPS backhoe**, 3 pt. hookup, 10' reach, good cond., \$4600. Russell Bonnet, Scott; (337) 235-1296.

**10' Bush Hog** brand, heavy-duty bush hog, for parts or to be restored, \$500 cash, will load. Richard Reed, Independence; (985) 878-2330.

**JD 4840 trac.**, cab/air, power shift, duals, quick hitch, excel. cond., \$13,000. John Stewart, Farmerville; (318) 368-2651 or (318) 647-3778.

**JD 850 Diesel**, 1500 hrs., excel. cond., \$5800. Mack Saacks, Folsom; (985) 796-5456.

**Belarus, 505M**, w/front-end loader, bucket & hay fork, 70 hp, 650 hrs., \$7800. Ted Motlow, Carencro; (337) 896-0859.

**JD 10' grain** drill, \$175; 10' drum-type pasture aerator, \$3200; (2) 16.9 x 30 trac. tires, \$200/1; (2) 16.9 x 30 trac. tires, \$50/1; (2) 750-18 sl single rib mounted front tires, \$65/1. Dave Whitaker, Sieper; (318) 793-2765.

**580C backhoe**, \$7500; new garden tiller to fit, 40 hp trac., \$1200. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

**Crustbuster grain** drill, excel. cond., \$1500; W&A 8-row hipper w/orthman row markers, excel. cond., \$2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8" trailer mounted, P.T.O. driven, excel. cond., \$1500. Bobby

Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**Farmall 1-row** trac., lots of implements, ran great when parked 3 yrs. ago, \$2850 obo; JD 420, 2-cyl., 1-row, runs great, w/bush hog & dirt blade, \$2850 obo. Fred Guillory, Pineville; (318) 443-2478.

**7' Bush hog** heavy-duty industrial type, \$1200. Benny Williams, Pitkin; (318) 634-7427.

**Wanted:** double gang drag type harrows, 8" spike teeth, good shape. Michael LeDoux, Rayne; (337) 334-2820.

**Farmall Super "A"** trac., w/front & rear tools, good running cond., \$1800. Kenneth Perroddin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0566.

**1-Yard bucket**, like new, fits 310 JD backhoe, \$650. Cecil Armistead, Lake Charles; (337) 855-6387.

**Hayforks, shop** built, w/lift 4x5, 5x5 or 6x6 bales, \$150. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**JD 4020**, w/front-end loader, \$9800. T. J. Frey, Iota; (337) 457-2756.

**Wanted:** front-end loader, MF 231 trac. Tom Tramonte, Singer; (337) 462-8977.

**Wanted:** grader blade, JD 155. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

**Wanted:** rear trac. tires for 424 IH trac., mounted if possible, 13.6 x 28, w/8-lug bolt holes in rear, 6.00 x 16 front tires, w/6-lug bolt holes. Donald Burley, Monterey; (318) 386-2212.

**Wanted:** trac. tire U-2-38, good or fair cond. Stanford Domingue, Duson; (337) 873-8717.

**Wanted:** 1958 Ford Work Master, w/good hood, grill & side panels to use for spare parts. Joshua Gray, Lake Charles; (337) 217-3916.

**Wanted:** 3 pt. hitch, PTO air blast sprayer for small peach orchard. Kenneth Fletcher, Leesville; (337) 537-1492.

**Wanted:** 100-gal. tank for sprayer. James Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2690.

**Wanted:** 3 pt. hitch, used hydraulic bale forks. C. Jones, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-1509.

**Wanted:** 9' Krone or Kuhn hay cutter. Fred Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 747-1873.

## FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

**1989 1-ton** crew cab dually, blk., engine knocks, auto trans., 139,500 miles, \$1750 obo. Karen Mixon, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-3367.

**1997 GMC** Sierra extra cab pickup truck, V-8, towing package, long bed, w/gooseneck hookup, toolbox, approx. 86,000 miles, one owner, excel. cond., \$9500. Don Kinchen, Hammond; (985) 878-0342.

**1967 Dodge** 400, w/grain box, body & grain box, good engine, ran 5 yrs. ago, no lift, \$500 obo. Terry Richard, Welsh; (337) 734-2887 or (337) 224-9915.

**1982 Dodge** pickup truck, 318 auto, LWB, \$1275. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

Ford F-700 gin pole truck, fair cond., good tires, \$1000; Ford all-terrain forklift, steering needs work, \$4000. A.R. Bordelon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7125.

**1985 Mack** 14-yard dump truck, new 300 hp engine, trans., very good shape, runs excel., \$18,000. Thomas Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

**1990 Ford** F-250 XLT extended cab, 7.3 diesel, new trans., good shape, \$2800. T. Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

**Camper top** for a 1991 Chevrolet pickup, 69"x80"x25", red, \$35. Bruce Donnell, Carencro; (337) 896-8678.

**1997 S-10** Chevy ext. cab, excel. cond., new tires, timing chain, good truck, new head & alternator, \$3300; 2002 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255x70-16 tires, 40,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$13,900. Marlin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

**1993 Freightliner** model FLD 120, ready to work, \$7000. Daniel Fabacher, Iota; (337) 779-3391.

**Kenworth W900**, w/63" sleeper, new motor, air ride, aluminum wheels & punch side Bomett double deck cow trailer, both have good tires, \$21,00. Carroll Doyle, Pitkin; (318) 634-7145.

**1989 4x4 Toyota**, 1 owner, air, \$3850. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

**Wanted:** 1986 F-350 Ford XL Dooley pickup, engine manual & 1986 F-350 Ford XL Dooley pickup parts book manual. Gayle Romero, New Iberia; (337) 364-9100.

## TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

**(35) Cotton trailers**, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail. \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

**Hale 6-horse** side-by-side trailer, 5th wheel hookup, \$1250 obo. Karen Mixon, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-3367.

**Aluminum 3-horse** slant load, insulated, carpeted dressing, rear tack, 5-new tires, beveled edges for strength, excel cond., \$7500. Russ Mixon, Pride, russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

**1992 Sooner 42'** 4-horse trailer, w/living quarters, microwave, refrigerator, toaster oven, complete bathroom, ac/heat throughout, bed in gooseneck & full size below, \$19,900 obo. Troy Hanks, Duson; (337) 984-2582.

**Steadman gooseneck** 16' metal top stock trailer, center gate, escape door, new tires, \$900. Benny Williams; Pitkin; (318) 634-7427.

**(2) Horse-drawn** passenger wagons, carry 20-25, wooden wheels, top, bench each side, lights, sound system, ideal for group, parades, etc., \$2500-\$3500. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

**Gooseneck brand** horse/wagon trailer, up to 3-horses in front,

w/wagon on back, elec. winch, back/side entry, cabinets & bed in nose, 24' x 6'8", \$5000. G. Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

**Super Vis-A-Vie** carriage, white, \$5295; Vis-A-Vie carriage, white, \$4795; green & blk. surrey, 9-passenger, \$3900. J. Hines, Lake Charles; (337) 439-2100.

**Oversize trailer**, originally built for sweet potato harvesting, ideal for hauling sq. hay bales, bed measures, 10'x13', \$250. Bruce Donnell, Carencro; (337) 896-8678.

**2000 Model** gooseneck stock/horse trailer, all aluminum, used very little, must sell, excel. cond., \$7500. Robert Reneau, Shreveport; (318) 773-9752.

**12' x 6 1/2' All** steel floor, elec. winch, 15" tires, single axle, 4000 lb., \$675. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

**Turnbow, 2-horse** Thoroughbred trailer, fiberglass top, new floor, new 8-ply tires, good paint job, excel. cond., \$2000. Ted Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**1990 Ford 1-ton** flatbed gooseneck, \$5000; 1995 20' flatbed dual tandem gooseneck trailer, w/dove tail & ramps, \$1500; 20' gooseneck, 3-axle trailer, \$800. Bobby Harper, Grant; (337) 328-2213.

**16' 2-horse** trailer, like new, \$1650. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 347-6806.

**35' Gooseneck**, w/5' dovetail, vac./hyd. brakes, (2) 10,000 lb. dual tandem axles, \$4500. Joe Musick, Crowley; (337) 788-2551.

**1996 Brutus** 14' gooseneck stock trailer, blk., canvas top, middle gate, escape gate, back butterfly gates, dual axle, elec. brakes, mats on floor, \$2800. John Roberts, Lecompte; (318) 776-9931.

**Oversized trailer**, originally built for sweet potato harvesting, ideal for hauling sq. bale hay bed measures, 10'x13', \$250. Bruce Donnell, Carencro; (337) 896-8678.

**Wanted:** low-boy, bumper-pull trailer, 18' x 6' 11" or 20' x 6' 11", w/6000-7000 lb. axles, excel. cond. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

## FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

**(2) Barrel saddles**, (1) NBHA high back, w/square skirts, in perfect cond., \$650; (1) Billy Cook trophy saddle, w/sq. skirts, new, \$550. Michael Mitchell, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7204.

**Steel tanks**, 8'x10', good heavy metal, holds 500-gals., good shape, will sell separately. Tim Johnson, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7570 or (337) 363-0187.

**125 KW generator**, Caterpillar engine, single phase but can be wired for 3 phase, \$5000. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

**Okra cutters**, hand operated, \$90. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

**Round pen**, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' rd. pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed for, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.



**Fiberglass farm** gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

**Brand new** Elastrator with rubber bands, \$10. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

**Like new** silver show saddle, 16", Longhorn custom made, dark leather, lots of silver, \$2500. Russ Mixon, Pride; russmixon1@cox.net or (225) 654-9254.

**Cast Iron** sausage stuffer, \$225; #15 jambalaya pot, \$200, cash. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375.

**Show animal** pens, made of angle iron & hog panels, approx. 6' x 36", 6 panels w/o gates, \$35/1, 8 panels w/gates, \$45/1 or \$500/all. Greg Monier, Vidrine; (337) 363-4000 or (337) 831-4000.

**Spray rig** for ATV, 16-gal., wand w/adjustable nozzle & 10' boom attachment w/4 fan nozzles, great for spraying pastures, roads, fences, etc., \$175. G. Monier, Vidrine; (337) 363-4000 or (337) 831-4000.

**2 3/8"** tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 80¢/ft.; 3 1/2", 90¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**Squeeze chute** & head gate combination on wheels, great cond., no rust, cash only, \$1300. Dave Whitaker, Sieper; (318) 793-2765.

**"Big Horn"** blk. parade saddle, 15" seat, lots of silver & tappaderos w/matching silver breast collar, excel. cond., \$450; new McClellan officer's saddle, \$330. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**17" Cordura** saddle w/breast collar, headstall bit & pad, \$350; 60" round pen, 2 3/8" tubing, 6 x 20 panels w/5' gate, \$900. Renee Bowman, Breaux Bridge; (337) 667-6677.

**Heartwood comm.**, portable band-saw, 2-way cut, 6" dbl. edged

blade, 80 hp Perkins tandem axles, 500 hrs., portable diesel mill, \$29,500. Herbert M. LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

**(2) platform** scale, good shape, \$200/1; (2) 550-gal. fuel tanks, on skid, w/pump, good shape, \$300. Gerald Jeansonne, Hessmer; (318) 563-4774.

**Show box**, large, 21" x 24" x 58" w/ padded top, \$250. Bubba Reed, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4976.

**Herford Imperial** saddle, excel. cond., well-cared for, \$500. Gayle Romero, New Iberia; (337) 364-9100.

**3' x 8' Drag** harrow, built on 3 pt. hitch, pipe frame w/5" teeth on bottom, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

**New galv.** corral panels, 5' x 10', \$40/1; 40' rd. pen, \$575; 50' rd. pen, \$575; 60' rd. pen, \$675, all w/6' ride thru gate. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

**Priefert model** 91, auto/manual head gate, heavy-duty, like new cond., \$240. Joel Carr, Ruston; (318) 255-6279.

**Power River** squeeze chute, good cond., has carrying trailer to go w/it, \$850. James Chenevert, Livonia; (225) 637-3594.

**550-Gal.** fuel tank, \$200; 300-gal. fuel tank & elec. pump, good cond., \$275; 350-Gal. spray rig, pull behind w/pump & spray nozzle, good cond., \$500. J. Chenevert, Livonia; (225) 637-3594.

**17-Gal.** 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" blk. tubing, 26¢/ft.; 1" sch. 40 blk. pipe, 38¢/ft.; 2 3/8" drill stem, \$23/1; 2 7/8" drill stem, \$27/1. E.H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

**Galv. sq.** tubing, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4", 91¢/ft.; 2 1/2" x 2 1/2", \$1/ft.; 2" x 3", 95¢/ft.; 7/8" x 7/8", 30¢/ft. Colton Terrell, Kentwood; (985) 514-0722.

**Head gate**, good cond., \$200 or trade for cow or horse. S.R.

Fontenot, Iowa; (337) 582-6179.

**2-Gal.** milk pasteurizer, like new, \$150. John M. Wells, Hammond; (985) 345-1166.

**New galv.** panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$625; 60' rd. pen, \$775; all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

**Band sawmill**, cuts logs 13' 8" long up to 30" in diameter, 10 or more extra blades & all tools, \$5,275. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

**Hog scalding** vat & de-hair machine w/paddles & motor, all galv., not rusted, \$1000. Jim LeBlanc, Tangipahoa; (985) 229-5752.

**Structural steel** pipe, 4", \$2.5/ft.; 4 1/2" & 5", \$3/ft. Fe Van Hook, Arcadia; (318) 263-2307.

**Brand new** large horse leather harness, hand-made leather, \$250. Glen Leger, Opelousas; (337) 948-3344 or (337) 945-5158 or (337) 543-4303.



**Goat milk** soap, handmade, skin soothing, many varieties, all natural ingredients, \$4/5-6 oz. bar. Kathleen Matte, Opelousas; (337) 543-7130.

**(20) Chairs**, antique, wooden slat schoolhouse folding-type, \$10/1 obo. Betty Robin; Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

**Wanted:** Old sugar kettles. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

**Wanted:** old gristmill or millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com (334) 289-8906.

## FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

**Gulf South Bird Club** will host a bird show and fair, Oct. 18 & 19, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Evergreen Cajun Center, 4694 West Main Hwy. 24, Houma. There will be exotic birds of all types, cages, seed, toys and a large raffle table. Admission is free. For more information, contact Mike Rhodes at (985) 446-0886 after 5:30 p.m. or Terry or Loretta Perez at tbirds@mobiletel.com or (985) 632-5016.

**30th Annual Old Farmer's Day** will be held Oct. 18 & 19 in Loranger. The horse and mule-pulling contest will be Sun., Oct. 19, from 1-4 p.m. For more info, call (985) 878-2360, (985) 878-9343 or bbrunett@i-55.com. Visit their Web site: www.oldfarmersday.com.

**The Laurel Valley Village** Fall Heritage Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Laurel Valley Village Store near Thibodaux. Admission is free. The festival features arts and crafts, a Cajun lunch, drinks, home-

made sweets, antique tractors, cars, machinery and Civil War Cannoneers. Demonstrations will include woodcarving, chair caning, quilting, cypress shingle making, oil painting and rosary making. The festival will also hold a Cajun costume contest with judging beginning at 2 p.m. for the men's, women's and children's categories. For more information, contact Ruth Gray at (985) 447-9351.

**Other Fairs & Festivals:** International Acadian Festival, Plaquemine, Oct. 18 & 19; International Rice Festival, Crowley, Oct. 17 & 18; Calcasieu-Cameron Fair, Sulphur, Oct. 21-Oct. 26; Louisiana Yambilee Festival, Opelousas, Oct. 22-26; LA Gumbo Festival of Chackbay, Chackbay, Oct. 24-26; French Food Festival, Larose, Oct. 24-26; St. John Andouille Festival, LaPlace, Oct. 24-26; Sunshine Festival, Donaldsonville, Oct. 31-Nov. 2; Sabine Free State Festival, Florien, Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

### Hay For Sale?

If you have hay for sale and would like to be listed in the **Market News Hay Directory**, complete the information on the form below and return no later than Nov. 7 to Market News, Attention: Marilyn Mayeux, P.O. Box 3334, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3334.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: home (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ work (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Bale type (check one or both) round \_\_\_\_\_ square \_\_\_\_\_

Hay condition: excellent \_\_\_\_ good \_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_ poor \_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Quarter 2003 Rain Data					
Location	Year to Date	Norm	Location	Year to Date	Norm
<b>Northwest</b>			LSU-Alexandria	29.67	43.03
Coushatta	39.32	N/A	Extreme/Average	39.34	43.48
LSU- Bossier City	34.22	37.49	<b>East-Central</b>		
Minden	31.25	40.59	Bogalusa	51.59	50.06
Extreme/Average	34.93	35.96	LSU-Baton Rouge	36.30	47.63
<b>North-Central</b>			LSU-Clinton	47.54	48.22
LSU-Calhoun	45.34	40.96	LSU-Hammond	58.54	50.06
LTI-Ruston	39.66	40.53	Slidell	50.65	49.48
ULM-Monroe	40.35	42.49	Extreme/Average	48.92	48.09
Winnfield	38.10	43.72	<b>Southwest</b>		
Extreme/Average	40.86	39.85	DeQuincy	N/A	45.37
<b>Northeast</b>			Jennings	37.68	45.53
Lake Providence	36.25	43.24	LSU-Crowley	46.45	45.66
LSU-St. Joseph	40.60	42.12	Extreme/Average	42.07	44.33
LSU-Winnsboro	40.31	41.41	<b>South-Central</b>		
Tallulah	36.75	43.38	Donaldsonville	45.90	48.14
Extreme/Average	38.48	40.40	LSU-Jeanerette	48.01	48.76
<b>West-Central</b>			Morgan City	34.29	51.47
Leesville	31.93	42.35	Extreme/Average	42.73	47.83
LSU-Rosepine	35.47	43.40	<b>Southeast</b>		
Natchitoches	37.61	40.03	Galliano	48.84	52.80
Extreme/Average	35.00	38.98	Houma	49.01	51.30
<b>Central</b>			NO Audubon Park	54.73	50.87
Alexandria	42.94	44.19	Reserve	45.92	51.63
Brusly	41.07	48.61	Extreme/Average	49.63	48.57
Bunkie	43.68	45.50	<b>State Averages</b>	<b>41.73</b>	<b>43.34</b>

## Satisfaction,

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50-years-young, and look forward to ordering more weird, wonderful instruments from Rick Felkel."

Calcaterra should know quality sounds from quality instruments. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from George Mason University.

Paul Margolis also touted the sound of the Ellorece.

"This guitar sounds great. I can't really liken its sound to a Taylor, Collings or Gibson. It has a voice of its own.

"I love this guitar. When you've owned many guitars - I've probably owned 100 through the years - it's very hard to find one that has a voice of its own. It feels like it was made by a human, that's a good thing, and although it's not the shiniest or fanciest guitar I've ever had, actually, it may be the least fancy guitar I've ever had, I think this guitar is the real thing - a KEEPER! This guitar replaced my Taylor Dan Crary. I hope Rick is able to continue making instruments for a long time."

Margolis has been playing guitar for more than 35 years in Baltimore.

And Jenn Frank of Chicago couldn't say enough about the custom work that Rick is willing to do.

"He's humble, but he knows he has a gift, so when I told him what I really wanted was an electric blue dulcimer that looks like a car, he knew exactly what I meant. There aren't many luthiers willing or able to construct a good electric dulcimer.

"I was really surprised by how comfortable it sounds. The sound is as any dulcimer's should be. The timbre is sweet. It rides a perfect median between folk and rock. It's quite simply, just what I wanted."

At 21, Jenn has been playing music in the Chicago area for more than 10 years. This past summer she released a CD called "Rainy Day Music" that features her electric blue dulcimer. She even thanks Ellorece Guitars in the liner notes.

Another veteran musician, Bill Donathan, a deputy with the Los Angeles County sheriff's office, said of the 30 instruments he owns, he plays the three Elloreces the most.

"His craftsmanship matches or surpasses some of the top name brands that I own," Bill said.

"I hope someday to meet him in person so that I can shake his hand and tell him how much I appreciate him as a person and as a luthier."

Bill has been playing music for 47 years.





## *Great Halloween Treats*

### **Halloween Honey Puffs**

3/4 cup honey  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons butter  
4 tablespoons cocoa  
11 cups puffed rice or wheat cereal  
3/4 cup coconut

Place honey, sugar, butter, and cocoa in saucepan and boil to soft ball stage. Remove from heat. Mix puffed cereal and coconut. Pour syrup over, when cool enough to handle, form into balls and roll in additional coconut. Wrap in foil.

### **Halloween Cheese Sandwich**

1 English muffin  
2 slices of cheese, American  
2 tablespoons spaghetti sauce  
Pumpkin cookie cutter

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spread olive oil on each half of an English muffin and place on a baking sheet. Cut the sliced cheese with the Halloween cookie cutter. Spread the spaghetti sauce on the muffin. Top with slice of cheese on muffin. Place the muffin on a baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

### **Halloween Pumpkin Bread**

1 1/2 cups sugar	3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 eggs	1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1 2/3 cups flour	1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon baking powder	1 cup pumpkin, canned
1 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Grease and lightly flour a loaf pan and blend together first 9 ingredients. Add water, pumpkin and walnuts. Bake at 350 degrees in loaf pan for 55 minutes or in 4 small pans about 35 minutes until wood pick in center comes out clean.

### **Peanut Butter Crunch**

1 cup Karo syrup (white)  
1 cup granulated sugar  
3 1/2 cups peanut butter  
1/3 large box Corn Flakes

Mix syrup and sugar in saucepan on low heat until it comes to a boil. Remove from heat and add peanut butter; stir well. Add Corn Flakes and mix well. Put on a greased cookie sheet or wax paper. Cut into squares. Store in a tight container.

### **Delicious Halloween Bars**

1/2 cup margarine or butter  
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk  
1 (12 oz.) package milk chocolate chips  
1 cup peanut butter chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees (325 degrees for glass dish). In 13x9 baking pan, melt margarine in oven. Sprinkle crumbs evenly over margarine; pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumbs. Top with chips; press down firmly. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. Cut into bars.

### **Caramel Popcorn**

1 stick margarine  
8 large marshmallows  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
4 quarts popped corn

Mix first three ingredients over stove, stir until marshmallows are melted and sugar dissolved. Pour over popcorn, toss and serve.

### **Halloween Squares**

1 (12 oz.) package semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 cups dry roasted peanuts  
1 (10 1/2 oz.) package white miniature marshmallows  
Assorted soft Halloween candy pieces like candy corn or M&M's

In top of double boiler melt chocolate with milk and butter, remove from heat. In a large bowl, combine nuts and marshmallows. Fold in chocolate and press into a waxed paper lined 13x9 inch pan. Top with candy pieces. Chill until firm and cut into squares or desired "spooky shapes". Store at room temperature.



## Coming Your Way

### Rodeo to be held in Lake Charles

The Bell City High School Rodeo is scheduled for Oct. 17-19 at the Burton Agriculture Arena in Lake Charles.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association and is open to students in grades 9-12. Thirteen events are included in the rodeo competition.

For more information, contact Dezere Richard at DezRichard@aol.com, (337) 598-2373 or (337) 598-2380.

### Group plans trip to grazing conf.

The second annual National Conference on Grazing Lands will be held Dec. 7-10 in Nashville, Tenn., at the Nashville Convention Center.

The conference hopes to provide a forum for exchange of technical and management information, identification of research needs, marketing of products, services and other benefits of grazing.

The Resource Conservation and Development councils across the state are offering transportation to the conference via passenger bus. The cost for each participant to attend the conference through the RC&D councils is \$175. This includes registration, hotel and bus fees.

For more information, contact Kevin Blomquist at kevin.blomquist@la.usda.gov or (318) 473-7808.

### Handler to offer clinic in Ruston

Ron McLoughlin, owner and operator of Ron McLoughlin Horse Handling School in Pearce, Ariz., will teach a three-day clinic Nov. 7-9 at the Ruston Expo Center.

The clinic will cover the 17 basic maneuvers used in handling all breeds of horses and all levels of horses and riders.

The fee for the clinic is \$425, but there is a \$75 discount for those who pay 22 days before the clinic begins. To audit the clinic, the fee is \$40 per day or \$75 for three days.

For more information, contact Kiazziah Allen at (318) 878-1971.

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Coming Your Way  
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Two teenagers from the Shreveport area have fun in Elvis Louisiana Hayride sorghum maze near Dixie in Caddo Parish.

### Maze offers corny classroom

A new eight-minute video will be the cornerstone of Don and Vicki Courville's agriculture classroom feature at their cornfield maze in Baton Rouge this year.

This is the fourth year the Courvilles have constructed the corn field maze on 8.5 acres of land along Nicholson Drive.

As if to encourage children to learn, this year's maze is in the shape of a huge scarecrow's head with the caption, "If I Only Had a Brain," from "The Wizard of Oz," cut through the corn stalks below.

"We encourage teachers and parents to let the kids go through the maze before bringing them into what we call 'Ag in the Classroom,'" said Vicki. "It gives them a chance to expel their energy."

"Then we give them an education."

Vicki said they have erected a huge tent and constructed an agri-

cultural display including corn plants.

"We tell them about pollination," said Vicki. "When we tell them that there is corn in soft drinks, they are amazed and it leads to a lot of questions."

Don said that this year's video relates to Louisiana crops and although everyone enjoys the agriculture classroom feature, "the third and fourth graders like it the best."

The Courville's maze is located at 13531 Nicholson Drive in Baton Rouge. It is open through Nov. 30. Hours of operation on Thursday and Friday are 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Field trip hours are available by reservation on weekdays.

Cost is \$7 for ages 12 and over, \$5 for ages 6-11, and free for ages 5 and under. Discounts are offered for families, groups and field trips.



Teacher Leslie Jones leads students from the St. Simon Peter School in New Orleans through the Courville's, "If I Only Had a Brain," cornfield maze in Baton Rouge.



Elvis Presley's star headed for the stratosphere after appearing on the Louisiana Hayride in Shreveport in the early 1950s.

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and put that on the computer. Then we take the design idea and put it on top of the grid and develop the pathways," Mike said, careful to not reveal any trade secrets on how to fashion a corn maze.

"When it's about knee-high, we apply herbicide to make the pattern," he added, as if that is more than enough to tell someone precisely how to make an intricate, discernible pattern in a sea of green.

"I really started doing this because I wanted to give my kids, my family, a work experience," Mike said, as his wife, Lani, is busy in the concession stand. "It's turned into a lot of work," he said with a grin.

Mike is not a professional farmer by trade. His crop is strictly for entertainment, but he faces all the problems of a typical farmer.

"When it's good, it's good and when it's bad, it's really bad," Mike

said. "Farmer's always have had two good years, 1978 and next year."

"We've had years when a week before we were about to open, a good strong storm came and knocked it down. And you don't want it to rain too much when you're open," he said.

Testimonial to the trials and tribulations faced by every breed of farmer, this year planned mazes in Monroe, Lafayette and Pearl River were not planted because of excessive rain during the spring.

However, Mike was fortunate this season and his field is a deep green and about 12 feet tall.

Soon the cries of "Help, we're lost," are replaced by "We did it! Let's do it again!"

Mike smiled. "That's why I do this. It's so much fun to listen to them having fun, families answering back and forth. If it was just for the money, I wouldn't do it."

## Only 70 days until Christmas!

... so the Market Bulletin staff is already planning for the Dec. 25 issue. We would like to run a collection of Louisiana Christmas memories submitted by you, our readers.

We ask that the submissions be typed so we can easily read them, and please keep your Christmas memory to 100 words or less. Deadline for entries is Nov. 28.

Your story can recall an old family tradition or a new, high-tech method of keeping in touch across the miles during the holidays. It could also tell a funny story about someone's favorite or least favorite Christmas gift.

Mail, fax or email your Christmas memories to the Market Bulletin staff and be sure to read the Dec. 25 issue.

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BIENVILLE PARISH

Gibsland  
Gibsland Farmers Market Assoc.  
Main Street  
Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. until sold out  
June - Aug. 30

CADDO PARISH

Shreveport  
Festival Plaza Farmers Market  
river front at Festival Plaza  
Wed. & Sat. 6:30 - 11 a.m.  
May 31-July 30  
Wed. only Aug. 1-31

CALCASIEU PARISH

Lake Charles  
Lake Charles Farmers Market  
317 Pine Street  
Sat. 7:30 a.m. - noon  
Jan. - Dec.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Baton Rouge  
Red Stick Farmers Market #1  
On Fifth St. near Main & Galvez  
Parking Garage  
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m. May - Sept.  
Sat. 8 a.m. - noon Oct. - April  
Red Stick Farmers Market #2  
8470 Goodwood Blvd.  
Unitarian Church Parking Lot  
Tues. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
May - July, Sept. - Dec.

IBERIA PARISH

New Iberia  
Teche Area Farmers Market  
Iberia St. & Main St. at Bouligny  
Plaza  
Tues. 5 - 8 p.m. until Oct. 27  
after Oct. 27, 4 - 7 p.m.  
Sat. 8 - 11 a.m. mid May - Dec.  
LAFAYETTE PARISH  
Lafayette  
Acadiana Farmers Market  
801 Foreman Dr. & Dulles St.  
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.  
5 - 10 a.m. Jan. - Dec.

LAFOURCHE PARISH

Thibodaux  
Thibodaux Main Street Market  
La. Hwy. 1 & Maronge St.  
Sat. 7 - 11 a.m.  
May - Nov.

MADISON PARISH

Tallulah  
Tallulah Farmers Market  
408 N. Cedar St., Hwy. 165  
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.  
8 a.m. - noon  
June - Nov.

MOREHOUSE PARISH

Bastrop  
Morehouse Farmers Market  
305 East Madison St.  
Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
June - Dec.

NATCHITOCHES PARISH

Natchitoches  
Cane River Green Market  
Cane River Bank - downtown  
Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
April - Nov.

ORLEANS PARISH

New Orleans  
Crescent City Farmers Market  
Locations: #1 - 700 Magazine St.  
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon  
Jan. - Dec.  
#2 - Uptown Square, 200  
Broadway  
Tues. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Jan. - Dec.  
#3 - American Can Co., 3700  
Orleans Ave.  
Thurs. 3 - 7 p.m.  
Jan. - Dec.

OUACHITA PARISH

Monroe  
Monroe Farmers Market  
1212 Washington St.  
Mon. - Sat. 5 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
June - Oct.

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West Monroe Farmers Market  
1700 North 7th St.  
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German Coast Farmers Market  
13786 River Rd., Ormond  
Plantation  
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St. Landry Farmers Market  
952 East Landry St.,  
Hwy. 90  
Tues., Thurs. & Sat.  
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mid May - Nov.

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St. Martinville  
St. Martinville Creole Farmers  
Market  
Evangeline Blvd. & Main St.  
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Covington Farmers Market  
City Hall, 609 North Columbia  
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Community Market  
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Cate Square Farmers Market  
Charles St. & Oak St.  
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Cajun Farmers Market of Houma  
- Terrebonne  
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St. Francisville Farmers Market  
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Mike and Lani Billings own the maze in Caddo Parish (clockwise from left). A T-shirt displays the maze motto. An aerial view of the maze in Baton Rouge. Teenagers from Arkansas' Magnolia Baptist Church pile into a feed trough filled with dry corn. Devon Richter drives the Cow Train around the maze.



They call it agritainment. Across Louisiana, enterprising folks have carved out playgrounds from corn and sorghum fields. Once there was only a maze where you got lost and then, hopefully, found. Today, it's a virtual carnival of rides, balloon tosses, corn bins, sky slides and shooting galleries.



## Looking for Elvis? You can find him in the Shreveport maze

The bus stops, seemingly in the middle of nowhere. It parks in front of an old deserted farmhouse adjacent to a cornfield on a lonely country lane near Shreveport. A horde of teenagers pour out of the double doors, dash across the farm road and disappear into a 13-acre stand of tall green stalks.

As the blue sky turns pink and the sun descends below the northwestern Louisiana horizon, the only sound heard is the eerie rustle of fronds rustling in the wind.

Soon the serene stillness of the night is punctuated by the raucous giggles of kids hidden deep within the field.

"Don't follow us, we're lost, too," a boy says. Another whining voice is heard, "No, we went that way already, we need to turn left here," and finally a plaintive cry tinged with a bit of panic, "Somebody help us! We're lost."

Is it a scene from Fright Night: Shreveport Style? No, it's only the hysteria created from the fastest growing segment of agritainment in the country: The MAiZE.

This is the fifth year for Mike and LeiLani Billings to plant and construct a maze in the rural countryside north of Shreveport. The Billings hope to attract more than 20,000 visi-

tors to their 13-acre maze this season, which opened Sept. 30 and will close Nov. 8.

The Billings' maze is one of more than 400 nationwide that the couple operates under a franchise from "The MAiZE," a Springville, Utah, company that also licenses its concept internationally.



Although many mazes are cut into a cornfield, this year the Billings planted sorghum for their labyrinth.

That's an irrelevant detail according to Mike. "They," he said, pointing to the groups of excited kids running up and down the corridors of the maze, "they don't know that."

"Sorghum is much easier to grow. It's drought-resistant. Up here we plant corn in July and August, but that's our driest time," Mike said. "If you get three or four weeks without

any water, the corn gets stunted which maybe wouldn't be the end of the world if you were making an ear. But if you're trying to make a maze, you don't want five-foot corn stalks.

"They ask us if they can pick the corn and we tell them if they can find it they can pick it," Mike chuckled.

The 2003 edition of the Billings' maze pays homage to Elvis Presley and the Louisiana Hayride, a music cavalcade that had its heyday in Shreveport in the 1950s and was the stage that launched Elvis onto the national scene.

From the air, the design depicts a guitar strapped to a gyrating, sport-coated Elvis. Above the facsimile of the King, the words 'Louisiana Hayride' are engraved into the greenery.

But the Billings' project is more than just a maze, it's a full-service playground with hayrides, a kiddie train, a right-turn hay maze and a huge feed trough filled with dried corn to play in.

A lot of work goes into the construction of the maze.

"The first thing we do is cross-plant the field and make a grid. We know what the grid size is and the row count

### Louisiana Mazes

**Shreveport:** features a picture of Elvis and pays tribute to the Louisiana Hayride. Open through Nov. 8. It is located at 9596 Sentell Road near Dixie north of Shreveport. (318) 678-1333 or (318) 207-2427.

**Alexandria:** features a spider web maze. Open until Nov. 15. It is located at 7600 Hwy. 71 South. (318) 793-8112 or (318) 709-1947 or [www.midnightproduction.com](http://www.midnightproduction.com).

**Baton Rouge:** "If I Only Had a Brain" scarecrow maze. It is located at 13531 Nicholson Drive. Open through Nov. 30. (225) 766-1060 or 1-877-843-9421 or [www.cajuncountrycorn.com](http://www.cajuncountrycorn.com).

Group rates are available. Call for hours of operation. Information on all three mazes can be found at [www.corn-fieldmaze.com](http://www.corn-fieldmaze.com).

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